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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : OSP Computer Requirements

1. The continually growing impact of OSP computer support requirements makes it necessary to consider whether a completely different approach--in essence, contrary to the multi-tasking, monolithic hardware philosophy followed to date--is desirable. OCS is a service of common concern to the entire Agency; even though we're in better shape now in terms of manpower and general expertise than ever before, our ability to handle well all of our existing work is being affected negatively by the OSP load. Our non-DD/S&T customers and project officers in OCS are becoming increasingly unhappy at degradation in turnaround time on their projects. Our internal Technical Review Committee meetings are becoming increasingly heated.

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2. [] has summarized the problem in the attached paper, including brief mention of possible alternatives--some of which are quite dramatic and at least one of which is so loaded with political overtones that I've never really heard it discussed objectively.

3. I've sent a copy of this memo with [] attachment to John Crowley; I think we need to discuss the problem as soon as possible.

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